

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I find that in recent years in my own local media market - Philadelphia - there are fewer choices on the radio airwaves and that there is little diversity of taste or opinion available. It is particularly irksome to find so many similar broadcast stations that are owned by Clear Channel Communications in the PA/DE/NJ area.

I have all but given up on the U.S. television media as a source of factual, objective news and rely instead on international alternatives such as the BBC, France 1 or Deutch TV where I can at least view a broad range of opinions and also have access to news that is not corporate-dominated.

Please make an effort to STRENGTHEN FCC regulation of the American media to ensure the presence of democratic ideas in an open market.